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On May Day, we look at the state of our civic workers — asked to evict from a building they were using as a storeroom two years ago, 40 pourakarmikas in Indiranagar still wait for the Suvidha Cabin promise to be fulfilled

NO ROOM FOR THE ONES WHO TOIL

BBMP yet to finalise on land where it can set up this much-needed facility

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All they had been given was a building that had a wash-room where they could change and attend nature's call. Two years ago, even that was snatched away.

Since then, these 40 pourakarmikas in Indiranagar, have been waiting for the Suvidha Cabin dream to materialise. The pourakarmikas were asked to vacate from a building where they were also keeping their work-related items such as brooms two years ago.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, elected representatives, politicians, social activists, and residents' welfare associations (RWAs) like to wax eloquent on the importance of pourakarmikas, especially women pourakarmikas. But most seem unconcerned if the women pourakarmikas have basic amenities such as toilets and Suvudha Cabins.

The BBMP announced its mega plan of establishing 52 Suvidha

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“ We have to depend on the generosity of security guards or citizens to use their toilets to attend nature’s call. We have to do everything on the road itself as we have no basic amenities

—Mary, pourakarmika

Dangerous road ahead

Fatal six-vehicle crash on stretch leading to airport once again puts spotlight on safety issues



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The stretch leading to Kempegowda International Airport has turned into a danger zone for motorists, with a rising number of serious accidents in recent months. In the latest case, a man was killed in a six-vehicle collision near the Sadahalli signal on Tuesday morning.

The accident, reported in the Chikkajala Traffic Police limits, claimed the life of 58-year-old Kumarbabu, a resident of Jakkuru, while his wife Varalakshmi sustained severe injuries. The family was on their way to a religious ceremony when a speeding vehicle rammed into their car from behind, triggering a chain reaction that damaged five other vehicles waiting at the signal.

In November 2024, two motorists were fatally crushed when a BMTC bus collided with a lorry during a minor accident near the Jakkur flyover. In December, six vehicles were involved in another pile-up near Chikkajala flyover, close to Devanahalli. Though there were no casualties in that case, the frequency and pattern of such collisions have alarmed both commuters and officials.

Reckless driving

While commuters blame poor lighting, lack of signage, and blind curves for the crashes, traffic police say the core problem lies elsewhere -- 'reckless driving'. "Close to 70 percent of these accidents happen due to speeding and rash behaviour. People just don't want to slow down," said a

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THINGS TO DO

01 Enchanting evening



Ruh Voyage is presenting Shaam-e-Sukhan, an evening of romantic ghazal and divine sufi melodies with Koyel Mukherjee, Partha Chatterjee, and Rishabh Chauhan. **Where:** Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; **When:** May 4, 7 pm

02 Hidden gems

The Meena Bazaar Arts and Crafts Mela presents a vibrant mix of women's clothing, fashion accessories, perfumes, footwear, imitation jewellery, home appliances, and children's toys. **Where:** Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Seshadripuram; **When:** Until May 11

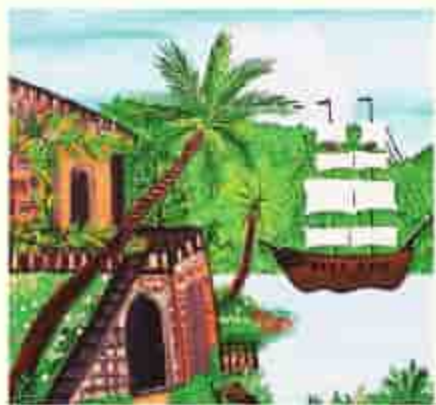


03 Meaningful connections

Aisle Network is bringing the fourth edition of its signature offline series Aisle Experiences. The theme of the event is 'Wine and Sushi Afternoon'. The event is thoughtfully created for like-minded singles who are ready to have meaningful conversations beyond the screen. **Where:** Botany Brew and Kitchen, Ashok Nagar; **When:** May 3, 3 pm to 7 pm



04 Art ahead



Sublime Galleria is organising Whimsical Worlds, artist Badrunissa Irfan's latest exhibition, showcasing a breathtaking collection of paintings that seamlessly blend tradition and modernity. **Where:** Sublime Galleria, UB City; **When:** Opens on May 2

05 Laugh out loud

Phoenix Mall of Asia is presenting an evening of intelligent humour, observational insights, and laughter-filled storytelling with stand-up comedian Pranav Sharma. **Where:** Phoenix Mall of Asia, Yelahanka; **When:** May 3, 5 pm



Facial ID must for medical college staff attendance

Move to implement new attendance system follows recent inspections, during which discrepancies were found between staff listed on paper and those actually present

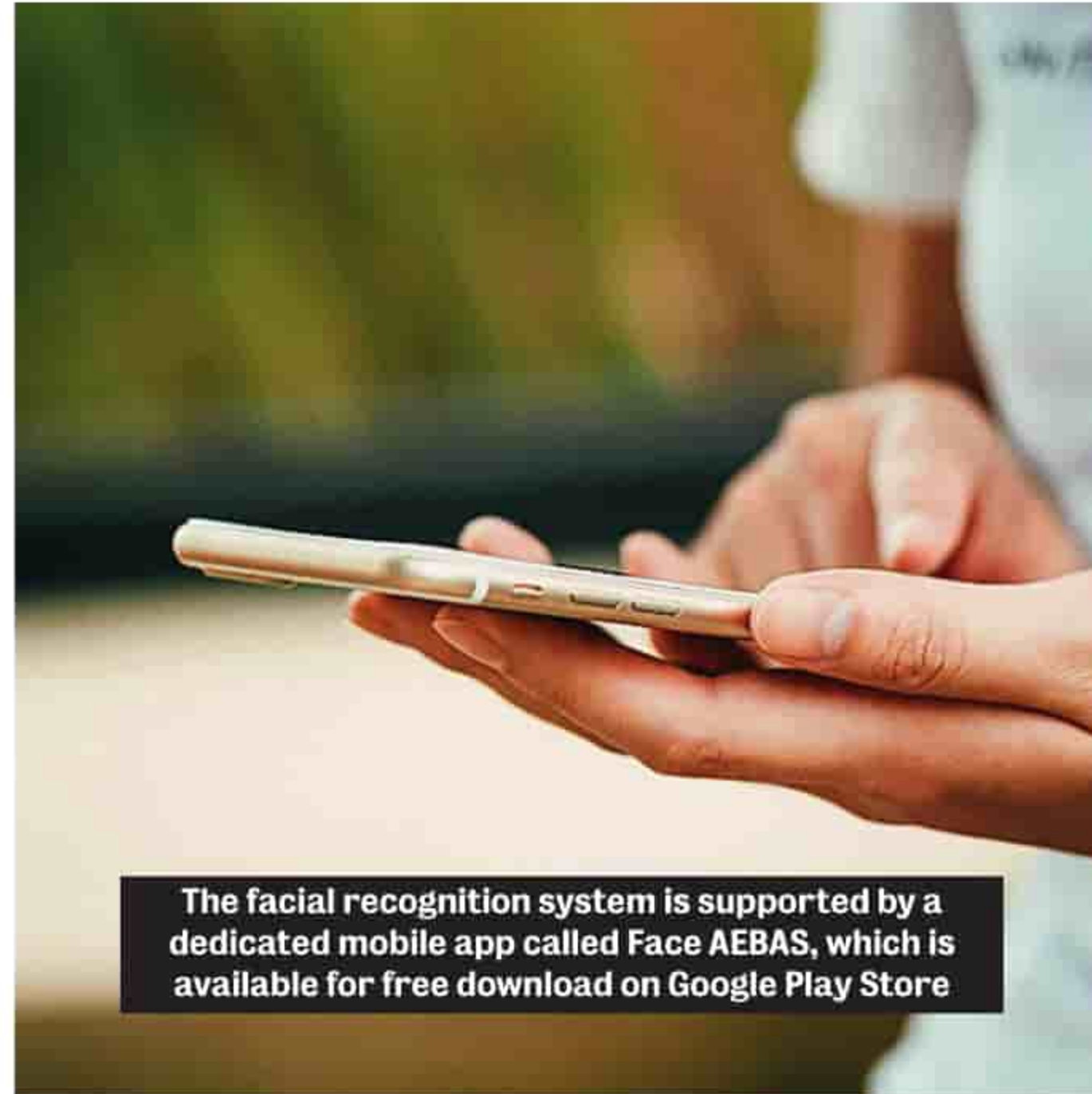
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Starting Thursday, all medical colleges under the purview of the National Medical Commission (NMC) will mandatorily adopt a new facial recognition-based Aadhaar attendance system for faculty and staff. This move replaces the existing fingerprint-based Aadhaar system and is aimed at curbing the issue of fake staff and ghost faculty in institutions.

The NMC's decision follows recent inspections, during which discrepancies were found between staff listed on paper and those actually present. Notices and fines were issued to several private and even one government medical college. The new facial recognition-based Aadhaar attendance system, developed using technology from the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), will help in real-time verification and automatically send attendance data to NMC, thereby preventing colleges from submitting fraudulent information.

An official said that the facial recognition system is supported by a dedicated mobile app called Face AEBAS, which is available for free download on Google Play Store. "Staff and faculty members must record attendance within a 100-meter GPS radius of the campus using the app. The app requires users to input their college name and city before usage, and has been approved by NMC. Colleges needing techni-



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cal support can contact the NMC directly," said the official.

Karnataka has 72 medical and 38 dental colleges, all of which must now comply with the new system. The change is seen as a crucial step in tightening standards for colleges seeking or maintaining NMC accreditation. As per NMC regulations, institu-

tions must meet infrastructure, faculty, and staffing norms to retain recognition. The facial recognition-based attendance system acts as a digital gatekeeper, making it difficult for colleges to inflate staff numbers during inspections.

Sources said that in recent audits, departments such as Anatomy, Biochemistry, and Microbiology were found to have high instances of ghost faculty. A syndicate member from the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) noted that this has been a persistent issue, now being actively addressed. To guide colleges, the NMC has released a user manual for operating the new attendance system.

Maheshwar Rao takes charge as BBMP Chief Commissioner

Senior IAS officer M Maheshwar Rao, a 1995-batch bureaucrat, has officially taken over as the Chief Commissioner of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Wednesday, succeeding Tushar Giri Nath. Giri Nath has been elevated to the post of Additional Chief Secretary in the Urban Development Department, and will continue to serve as the BBMP Administrator.

After assuming charge, Maheshwar Rao acknowledged the backlog of pending civic works and assured that his immediate priority would be to expedite their completion. With the onset of the monsoon approaching, he stressed the importance of rain preparedness across the city. "There are several pending works which will now be taken up on priority. With the rainy season approaching, our focus will be on completing ongoing infrastructure projects and addressing vulnerable points across Bengaluru," Rao said.

Drawing from his prior experience as BBMP's Special Commissioner, Rao noted that during his earlier tenure, 125 rain-prone vulnerable spots were identified and addressed. "Since then, the city has expanded and more such points have emerged. We are in the process of identifying and resolving them swiftly," he added. Rao's appointment comes at a crucial time when Bengaluru is ramping up efforts to complete civic projects and brace for seasonal challenges. — BMB



Sweet treat, bitter health risks

Donuts, a popular treat among children, have been found unsafe following a recent food safety and drug department test. The test revealed that excessive use of artificial colors in donuts exceeds the approved safety limits. This poses potential adverse effects on health, including allergic reactions, hyperactivity, and other long-term issues. Authorities have raised concerns over the widespread use of these harmful additives in the food industry.

According to an official, five donut samples were tested, and one was reported to be harmful to health. The report emphasises the urgent need for stricter regulations and quality checks in the manufacturing of such food items. Artificial colours like Red 40, Allura Red, Yellow 5, and Tartrazine are commonly used to make donuts more



visually appealing. A senior department official stated that these colors are harmful to health, particularly for children whose immune systems and health are more vulnerable to these chemicals. Hence, the Food Safety Department has advised consumers to be cautious when purchasing food items, particularly those marketed toward children, and urged food manufacturers to adhere to safety standards. — BMB

CISCE Class 10, 12 scores: Girls take the lead

Students have once again showcased stellar performances in the Class 10 and Class 12 examinations conducted by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE), with results declared on Wednesday. The southern region emerged with the highest pass percentage in Class 12 at 99.76%, closely followed by the western region at 99.72%. Girls outperformed boys across both levels of the exams. In Class 10, girls registered a pass percentage of 99.45%, while boys achieved 98.64%. A similar trend was observed in the Class 12 results, with girls again at 99.45% and boys at 98.64%.

The Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) Class 10 exams were held across 67 subjects, including 20 Indian languages, 14

foreign languages, and one classical language. For Class 12 exams, 47 subjects were offered, comprising 12 Indian languages, four foreign languages, and two classical languages. CISCE Chief Executive Joseph Emmanuel announced that candidates and stakeholders can access their results via the official CISCE website, the CAREERS portal, or through the Digilocker platform. He also informed that improvement exams for both Class 10 and Class 12 will be conducted in July.

This year, 2,52,557 candidates from 2,803 schools appeared for the Class 10 exams, out of which 2,308 did not clear the examination. Amongst students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia, 112 out of 1,184 candidates scored above 90%. Additionally, 13 out of 48 visually

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challenged students achieved marks above 90%. The western region led the Class 10 results with a pass percentage of 99.83%, followed closely by the southern region at 99.73%. In the Class 12 exams, 99,551 students from 1,460 schools appeared, with 973 unable to pass. Among the 257 students with learning difficulties, 29 secured scores above 90%, while six of the 17 visually challenged students surpassed the 90% mark. — BMB



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ATM fees, vehicle taxes set to rise from today

Metro city customers get three free ATM withdrawals monthly, while non-metro and rural areas enjoy five. Beyond these, a ₹23 fee applies per transaction

Starting Thursday, ATM transaction fees will rise to ₹23 for withdrawals beyond the free limit, while commercial vehicles under ₹10 lakh will incur a 5% lifetime tax, making both ATM usage and vehicle ownership more expensive.

As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) directive, the fee for each additional withdrawal from ATMs will go up from ₹21 to ₹23. This move follows a request from ATM-operating companies, who cited higher operational and

technical maintenance costs. The RBI approved the fee revision, which takes effect from May 1.

Customers in metro cities will continue to have up to three free ATM withdrawals per month, while those in non-metro and rural areas can avail up to five. Once these limits are crossed, the ₹23 charge will apply per transaction. The increase is expected to impact frequent cash users and those without easy access to digital banking tools, especially in rural regions where



cash remains the primary mode of transaction.

Taxi & small goods vehicle taxes

In a separate development, the Karnataka government has revised its motor vehicle tax structure, which will significantly affect commercial vehicle owners. A 5% lifetime tax will be levied on commercial vehicles priced below ₹10 lakh from Thursday too. This replaces the earlier system, where owners paid a quarterly tax of ₹400 per seat.

Increase likely to impact cash users and those without access to digital banking tools, especially in rural regions

Electric commercial vehicles haven't been spared either. Those valued above ₹25 lakh will now be subject to a 10% lifetime tax. This marks a shift in the state's taxation strategy, which was earlier seen as more favourable to EV adoption.

The revised tax structure, approved through an amendment to the Karnataka Motor Vehicle Taxation Act and cleared by the Governor, aims to streamline vehicle tax policies. However, industry observers and vehicle owners have expressed concerns about the added financial burden, particularly for small business operators and taxi drivers. — BMB

BWSML tender: Bidders get a second chance

The High Court of Karnataka has allowed previously disqualified contractors or those whose bids were rejected to participate in the tender floated by Bangalore Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML) on November 7, 2024, for managing the city's solid waste. In its order, the court directed the State Government, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), and BSWML—a government-owned entity responsible for BBMP's solid waste management projects—to revise the tender timeline and complete the process within four months.

Justice M Nagaprasanna issued the ruling while disposing of multiple petitions filed by Sri Banashankari Enterprises and other contractors. These petitions challenged their disqualification and bid rejections in the 2022-23 tender process, following prolonged litigation that began with BSWML's initial tender issued in August 2022. During the hearings, several petitioner-contractors sought a stay on the November 7, 2024 tender, urging the continuation of the January 2023 tender, which had replaced the earlier August 28, 2022 tender.

Between July and Septem-

ber 2024, the State Government and BSWML cancelled the January 2023 tender, citing excessive premium quotes from bidders — ranging from 12% to 82% above the base tender amount — alongside changing market conditions and the need for modifications in tender terms to improve solid waste management efficiency.

The contractors argued that the authorities were repeatedly cancelling and reissuing tenders without valid reasons. They contended that economic concerns were being used as a pretext to discard the previous tender and requested the Court to compare both current and prior price quotes and reserve values.

SC precedents

Citing Supreme Court precedents on judicial interference in tendering matters, Justice Nagaprasanna reiterated that courts may intervene only in cases involving arbitrariness.

In this case, as no contractor had been declared a successful bidder, the Court found no grounds for such intervention.

The Court concluded that the cancellation of the earlier tender was justified and did not suffer from evident arbitrariness. — BMB

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Forged fire safety NOC: School in dock

The Vidhana Soudha Police have filed a case against BGS Bloom Field School in Tyagaraja Nagar for allegedly forging fire safety documents to obtain CBSE affiliation and mislead the Karnataka High Court.

Gurappa Naidu, the school's chairman, and trustee Sunitha Naidu face charges of forgery and fraud. The issue came to light during a legal battle when advocate Sudha Katwa filed a writ petition, accusing the school of constructing its building over a stormwater drain. In response, the school submitted a fire safety NOC from Anjanapura fire station instead of the jurisdictional Chamarajpet station. An RTI inquiry confirmed the fire department had not issued the certificate.

Sudha also accused the school of tampering with its building plan, claiming it constructed a four-storey building without an occupancy certificate. The police are investigating further, and the case remains under scrutiny. — BMB

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BU considers fee and rent hike to overcome financial crisis

Bangalore University (BU) is considering raising rents and course fees as part of efforts to resolve its financial difficulties. The university's annual budget stands at ₹252 crore, but it has struggled to meet its revenue targets, leading to challenges in internally mobilizing resources. In response, the university is exploring various strategies for financial management.

Among the potential measures under consideration are increasing the rent charged to institutions using university facilities and raising fees for all types of undergraduate and post-graduate courses, including professional courses such as sales financing. To provide a well-informed report on this matter, the university has formed two committees.

One committee, chaired by Professor Ashok D Hanjagi and Ravindra Pai, will focus on the financial strategies and decisions that could

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be implemented to generate additional resources. The committees will include finance officers and other members.

An official said, “Bangalore University is currently dealing with a financial strain following its reorganization into three campuses. The uni-



versity no longer has significant income sources, and the revenue from the ‘Jnanajyothi Auditorium’ has been lost. Previously, the university earned considerable revenue from coordination fees from over 700 colleges, but this has now dropped to just 245, with an increasing number

of government colleges contributing less than expected.”

In an effort to generate more income, the university has raised the rent for 26 institutions using its facilities. A few years ago, the rent was a few hundred rupees, but it has since been revised to ₹50,000. Additionally,

the university requires ₹100 crore annually to provide pensions for retired staff, but it currently receives only ₹5 crore from the government. While salaries for staff and faculty are directly funded by the government, other costs are managed through investments, including ₹500 crore in fixed deposits.

“Despite these efforts, Bangalore University has faced difficulties in managing its finances, leading to annual increases of 10% in exam and admission fees.

This has helped alleviate some financial strain, but the university is still exploring alternative ways to address its fiscal challenges”, an official added. The committees are tasked with considering actions such as reducing the budget deficit and exploring measures to increase revenue, such as raising lease rates and building compound walls around the university campus to secure more income.

From high heels to large buttons: What is not allowed for NEET candidates?

As NEET will be conducted on May 4, students cannot wear anything between large buttons to high heels. To ensure a fair and secure environment for the NEET (UG) 2025 examination, mobile signal jammers will be installed at all designated exam centres across Karnataka.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has put in place stringent security measures, including thorough frisking of candidates, biometric attendance, deployment of police personnel, and enforcement of prohibitory orders around the centres. Special agencies have been appointed to oversee the smooth implementation of these protocols, and centre heads have been instructed to ensure full compliance with all safety and monitoring guidelines.

The National Testing Agency (NTA) will conduct the NEET (UG) 2025 examination across India on May 4. In Karnataka, the exam will be held at 381 centres between 2 pm and 5 pm, with around 1,49,000 students expected to appear. Entry to exam centres will be allowed from 11 am to 1.30 pm.

According to officials, “Students must carry their admit card along with a valid



ID proof such as a college-issued ID, Aadhaar card, PAN card, driving license, voter ID, or any other recognised ID.

They are also required to bring one postcard-sized and two passport-sized photographs. The registration process at exam centres, handled by agencies appointed by NTA, will begin at 11 am.

Security checks will be conducted by designated police personnel.”

Biometric attendance is mandatory for all examinees, and students must strictly follow the instructions mentioned in the admit card. Certain attire and items are prohibited, including long-sleeved tops, shirts with large

buttons, pants, shoes, socks, high-heeled footwear, earrings, bangles, necklaces, anklets, nose pins, hair clips, metal items, and any electronic devices. Students who complete the registration process must proceed directly to their allotted room with their registration number.

The three-hour examination will begin at 2 pm, with a bell marking each hour of the test. District administrations have ensured uninterrupted power supply, availability of health staff and emergency services, clean exam centre premises, and wheelchair access for differently-abled candidates. Fire safety measures have also been put in place.



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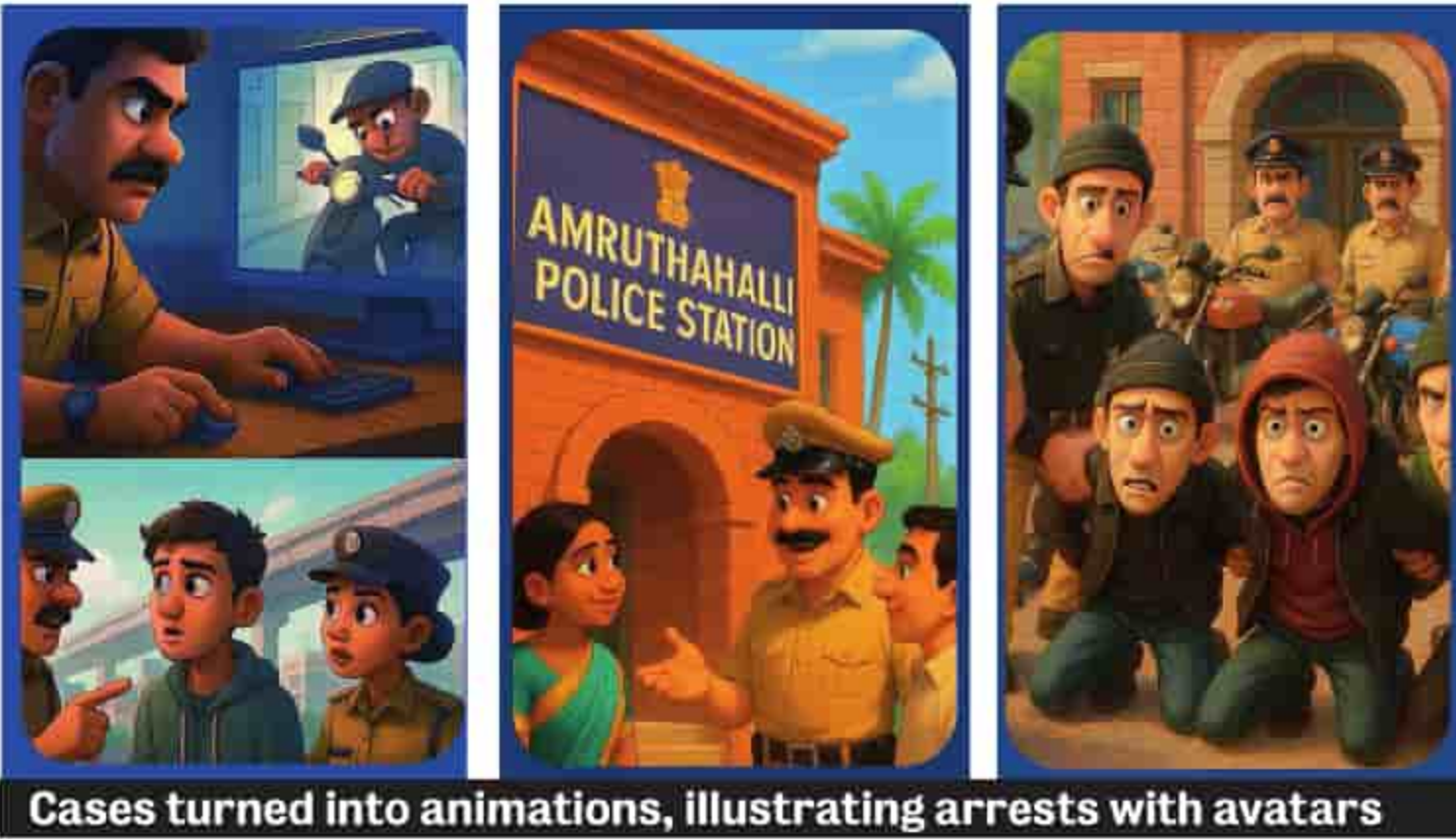
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BBMP acts on illegal EWS encroachments once more

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There are people with vested interests who keep erecting structures for commercial use, even after repeated demolitions

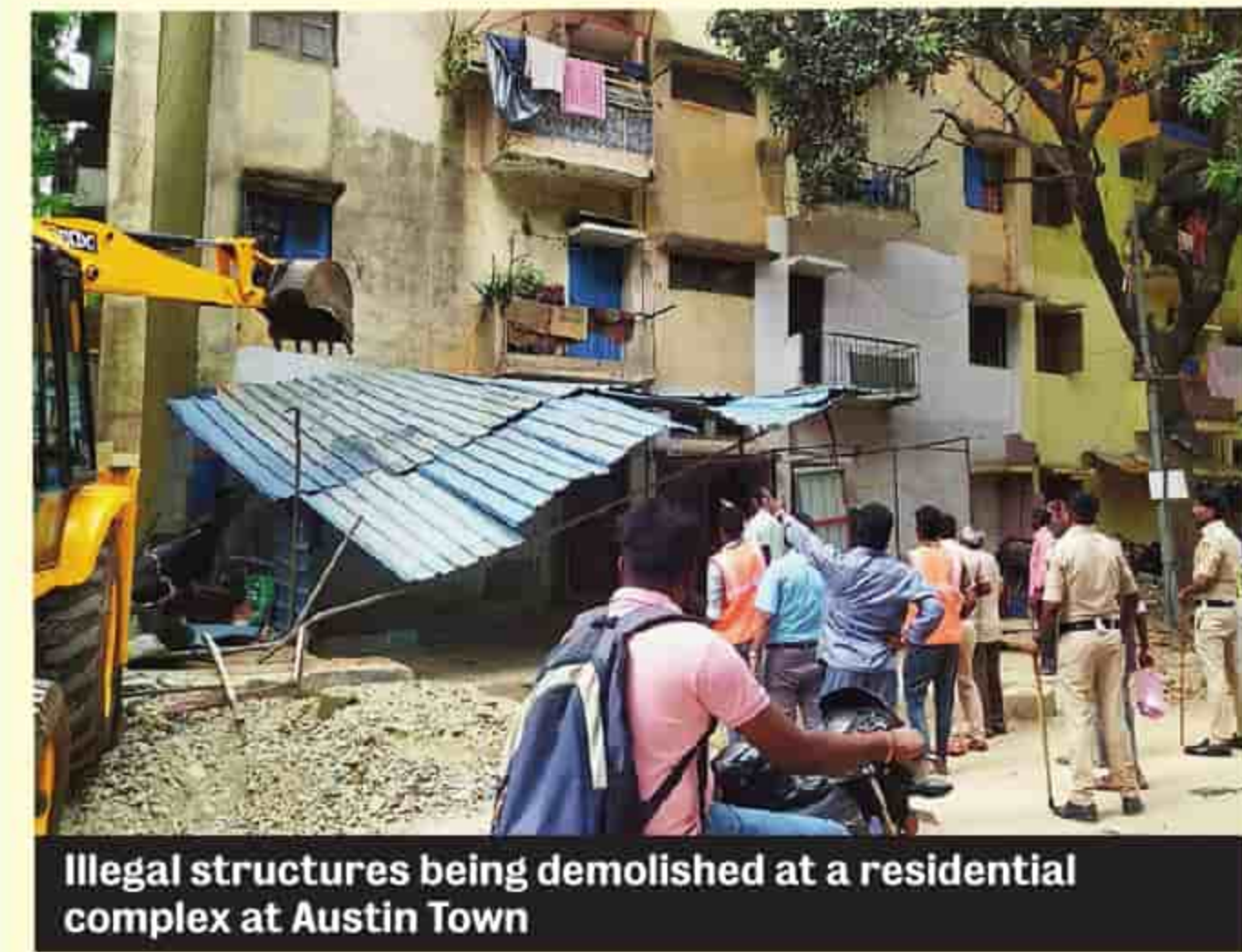
-Philip R, resident

The flats constructed for economically weaker sections by the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) at Austin Town continue to hit headlines for one reason or another. The problem with some of the residents, especially those residing on the ground floor, is that they continue to encroach and commercialise vacant land meant for parking vehicles. Residents on the first, second and third floors struggle to find space either to step out of their homes or park their two-wheelers, as the entire open area is being misused for illegal construction.

Despite repeated action by civic authorities, the issue remains unresolved. On Tuesday, the BBMP demolished around 30 temporary structures that had been set up illegally in the space meant for parking. This is reportedly the fifth demolition drive carried out by the civic body at the same location.

"There are people with vested interests who keep erecting structures for commercial use, even after repeated demolitions," said Philip Raj, a resident. "I have filed complaints with the BBMP and even the Deputy Commissioner of Police. Some individuals have been threatening me, and I urge the authorities to find a permanent solution."

The issue was first highlighted by Bangalore Mirror on



Illegal structures being demolished at a residential complex at Austin Town

Cops adopt anime format to share real-life crime stories

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In a creative move to connect with the public, the Bengaluru City Police have started using Ghibli-style animations to share updates on arrests, drug-related crimes, and other safety alerts through social media platforms.

The visually engaging animations, posted primarily on the X platform (for-

merly Twitter), present real police cases in a story-like format using aesthetic and soft-toned animations inspired by Studio Ghibli. The goal, according to officials, is to make serious information more accessible, especially to the digital-savvy younger generation.

The idea came to light during a recent press conference held by the city police, where they discussed a series of criminal cases. Shortly after, social media users noticed that some of these

Dept will continue using anime-style videos if engagement persists. This approach bridges the gap with the public

cases had been adapted into short animated clips, creatively illustrating how suspects were tracked down and arrested. These clips, while maintaining factual accuracy, use fictional avatars and

soft visuals to narrate the events in a more viewer-friendly way.

One such animation showed a stylised narrative involving "carbon people", metaphorical characters used to explain a sequence of crimes and the police response. Viewers online responded positively to the new initiative. Comments like "I like the use of AI" and "This is how public communication should evolve" flooded the post, with many praising the department's efforts to use modern tools in law enforcement outreach.

City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, speaking to BM, confirmed that this is part of a broader initiative to use creative communication methods to engage the public. "These are just some of the many ways we're trying to reach more people," he said. "People are appreciating the effort, and using animations or storytelling methods like this helps them connect and pay attention, which

they might not do otherwise."

The department says it will continue experimenting with this format if the engagement remains strong. In a city that's growing rapidly and where digital content consumption is high, the police believe such tools can help bridge the gap between law enforcement and the public. For now, the city police's Ghibli-style videos are gaining traction and setting a new tone for police communication in the digital age.

Biodiversity panel to investigate tree felling in Cantonment

BMC to assess biodiversity impact, canopy fragmentation, and explore options to save 368 heritage trees slated for removal

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Following public outcry on the removal of nearly 400 trees for a 'commercial development project' at Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Colony campus, Bengaluru's Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) members have decided to visit the site.

The committee is expected to conduct a spot inspection and file a report based on its findings.

Dr Nandini, a BMC member, said the visit aims to assess the ecological impact of cutting down 368 heritage trees and the broader consequences on the urban ecosystem. "The majority of the trees proposed to be felled are heritage trees. We want to inspect the site to understand the scale of biodiversity these trees

support and the implications of their removal. Given the location, these trees likely play a significant role in carbon sequestration and provide other crucial ecosystem services. We would also like to explore how these trees can be saved," she said.

BMC members emphasised that the site inspection would also focus on canopy cover in the area. An unbroken canopy, they said, is vital in supporting the city's wildlife and maintaining ecological balance.

"A connected and uninterrupted tree canopy is essential in Bengaluru, which



BM had reported on April 29 that BBMP had received numerous objections to tree-cutting proposal

supports a wide range of biodiversity. Many animals rely on this cover to move safely across different parts of the city.

However, if the Cantonment project is approved, we risk fragmenting this vital network," said BMC member Vijay Nishant.

After the inspection, the BMC will

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-Dr Nandini, BMC member

prepare a report and submit its findings to the Deputy Conservator of Forests at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for further consideration.

Meanwhile, citizens have taken their protest online. After submitting objections to the BBMP, residents have now launched an online petition urging

authorities to reconsider the project. The petition has already garnered thousands of signatures.

Residents argue that felling nearly 368 mature trees for a commercial project amounts to an act of environmental disregard.

"Our beloved railway station is under threat. We already lost the iconic arch platform due to poor planning. We can't afford to lose more. Our desire for economic progress should not blind us to the ongoing environmental erosion," said the petition that is already signed by thousands of Bangalorans.

"The errant free rein of these development projects must be checked. Railways want to take full control, utterly disregarding Bangalore's desperate need for greenery and the citizens' pleas for sustainable development. We cannot stand by as more ecological butchery happens before our eyes," noted the petition.

Hackers leak BWSSB user data on dark web

Hackers infiltrated the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board's (BWSSB) online water connection portal, stealing sensitive personal data of nearly 2.9 lakh Bengalureans. The incident was discovered after the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) alerted the board on April 11.

The compromised data includes full names, phone numbers, email addresses, complete residential addresses, and scanned documents like Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, and voter IDs – all submitted during the online water connection process. The breach could impact 2,91,212 user records and has now reportedly been listed for sale on the dark web,

raising concerns about identity theft and misuse of citizen data.

BWSSB officials acted promptly after the alert, securing the affected database and reinforcing its digital defences. "We have taken all necessary steps to contain the breach and prevent further unauthorised access," said a senior official from BWSSB, assuring citizens that enhanced security protocols are now in place.

The board has also requested law enforcement to initiate a formal investigation and take swift legal action against the perpetrators. "We are fully cooperating with cybercrime officials and are prepared to share technical logs and relevant documents," the board stated in an official complaint.

Nigerian woman found murdered on farmland

A 30-year-old Nigerian woman was found dead under a tree on farmland near Theram, along Chaparakallu Road in Tarahunse, within the Chikkajala Police Station limits, on Wednesday.

The identity and address of the deceased woman are yet to be confirmed; however, according to initial investigations, it is suspected that miscreants attacked her, possibly with a blunt weapon, and later transported the body to this remote location to dispose of it.

The discovery was made early this morning by a resident who immediately alerted the

police. Officers from Chikkajala Police Station rushed to the scene and launched a preliminary investigation. Police sources have confirmed that the woman was from Nigeria, but the motive behind the crime and details surrounding her death remain unclear.

Investigators believe the murder may have occurred elsewhere and that the perpetrators deliberately chose this isolated area to abandon the body.

Police are gathering more information and conducting a detailed forensic examination. As the investigation progresses, further updates are expected.

Milk tanker crashes into bike, teen killed

A 17-year-old SSLC student died after a speeding milk tanker collided with a bike near the New BEL Road underpass in Sadashivanagar.

The incident took place around 6:30 am when Harsha, a resident of Srirampura, was riding pillion on his friend Sachin's bike. The milk tanker reportedly hit them from behind, causing both boys to fall and suffer serious injuries.

They were rushed to the hospital immediately, but Harsha succumbed to his injuries on the way. His body was

shifted to MS Ramaiah Hospital for postmortem. Sachin, who was riding the bike, is currently undergoing treatment.

Sadashivanagar Traffic Police reached the spot, inspected the scene, and registered a case. Initial suspicions suggest that the lorry driver might have been driving under the influence of alcohol. The lorry was reportedly headed from Bengaluru Dairy to Nelamangala at the time of the incident.

Further investigation is underway.

Metro cars dispatched for Yellow Line

BMRCL has begun receiving new metro cars for the Yellow Line.

Three cars from the third train set have been dispatched from the Titagarh factory and are on their way to Bengaluru. The remaining three cars from the same set are

scheduled to be loaded and transported by May 2, 2025. An additional set of three metro cars is expected to reach Bengaluru between May 10 and May 15, 2025. Officials said that with the arrival of these trains, BMRCL is continuing its preparations to make the Yellow Line operational.



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Where are the Suvidha Cabins?

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Cabins more than two years ago. Its plan was to increase the number of Suvidha cabins to 227 across the city. However, women pourakarmikas in Indiranagar have been waiting for the promised Suvidha cabin for more than two years. The BBMP, meanwhile, has been postponing the setting up of the much-needed Suvidha Cabin near the Victory Ground at Indiranagar 1st Stage.

In the absence of a Suvidha Cabin, around 40 women and men pourakarmikas have to depend on a private building premise to change before commencing the work. It is a private building accommodating a com-

mercial establishment. The question is how long can the women pourakarmikas depend on this private building for their requirements?

Cabin plan

Suvidha cabins are supposed to have two toilets for men and women, a changing room, a feeding room, a first aid kit, a drinking water facility, a wooden rack and mobile phone charging stations. "We are finding it tough to attend nature's call while sweeping roads. We have to depend on the generosity of security guards or generous residents to use their toilets to attend nature's call. We have to do everything on the road itself as we have no basic amenities. The

BBMP authorities have been promising to provide amenities but we are not sure when they will honour their assurance," said Mary, a pourakarmika.

Evicted

Expressing concern over the lack of basic amenities for pourakarmikas, Narayana, a pourakarmika, told BM that they did not have any problems till the BBMP officials evicted them from a building that was being used as a storeroom for keeping brooms and other equipment. "The BBMP had opened a Namma Clinic in the building that was meant for pourakarmikas. We have been requesting the authorities concerned to establish a



A Namma Clinic has been set up at the building meant for pourakarmikas; The space where women pourakarmikas change; A broom kept in the compound of a private building

Suvidha Cabin. They did visit a spot near the Basketball Court and okayed it for establishing the Suvidha Cabin but nothing has been done even after two years of inspecting and identifying the spot," said Narayana.

Meanwhile, BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer (CV Raman Nagar) Appuraj

told BM that a tender has been floated inviting bidders to construct a Suvidha Cabin. "We have to identify the land for the construction of the Suvidha Cabin," Appuraj said.

The question on civic activists' mind is whether it is fair to evict pourakarmikas from a building meant for

them and use it to open a Namma Clinic in an area like Indiranagar where most residents can afford to visit private hospitals for medical treatment? Will the BBMP authorities pull up socks to do the needful for the hapless women pourakarmikas? The pourakarmikas have to wait and watch.

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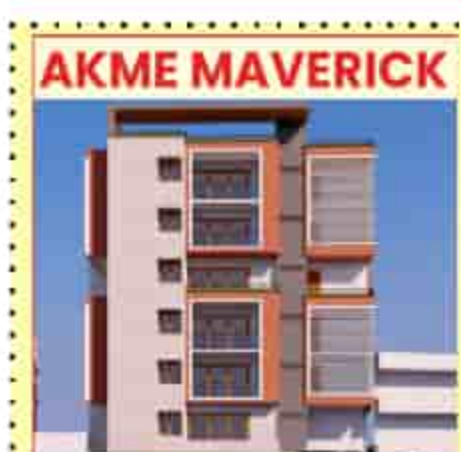
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Builder dupes tenants by leasing already-sold flats

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At least 32 people lost lakhs of rupees after a conman took them on a ride when they were looking to buy homes. One of the victims, filed a complaint at the Kodigehalli Police Station after learning that the flats she leased in Sri Sai Balaji Meadows Apartment were not only already sold years ago but were also under a loan default with Indian Overseas Bank.

According to the complaint, she had entered into a lease agreement on November 20, 2023, for Flats No. 305 and 405 at Sri Sai Balaji Meadows Apartment



in Kodigehalli. She paid a total of Rs 26 lakh — Rs 10 lakh through cheque, Rs 7 lakh in cash, and Rs 9 lakh through additional cheques — to the builder AK Raghav, in the presence of his wife Sujitha and associates AK Venkatesh and

VK Ravi.

In January 2024, a man named Sai Prashant visited Padma and claimed ownership of the same flats, presenting registered sale deeds dated September 13, 2021. Padma cross-verified the documents and discovered that the builder had sold the property to Sai Prashant nearly two years before leasing it to her.

In March 2024, officials from Indian Overseas Bank arrived, stating that Sai Prashant had taken loans against the same flats and that they were preparing to confiscate them due to loan default. Preliminary probe suggests that the builder allegedly used the same modus operandi to lease multiple already-sold or mortgaged flats to tenants, collecting lakhs of rupees from each.

IN BRIEF

SC frowns upon divergent rulings from different benches

The Supreme Court on Tuesday noted that divergent rulings from different benches of a court undermine public confidence in the judiciary and reduce legal proceedings to mere chance.

Justices PS Narasimha and Joymalya Bagchi were examining a matrimonial cruelty case where the Karnataka High Court delivered contradictory judgements — one bench dismissed criminal proceedings against the husband whilst another allowed the case to proceed against certain in-laws.

The Supreme Court found it perplexing that the High Court, whilst quashing proceedings against the husband, did not acknowledge an earlier order that

had allowed the case to continue against some in-laws.

The Court stated that judges must reference previous decisions by coordinate benches and provide reasoning for arriving at different conclusions. "Failure to do so inflicts judicial propriety and discipline. Consistency in judicial outcomes is the hallmark of a responsible judiciary. Inconsistent decisions coming out from different benches shake public trust and reduce litigation to a punter's game. It gives rise to insidious sharp practices like forum shopping spoiling the clear stream of justice. Impugned order suffers from the vice of judicial caprice and arbitrariness and is liable to be set aside also," it said. —BMB

State sets bold kharif goal

Farmers in Karnataka are pinning high hopes on the upcoming monsoon season following positive forecasts of above-average rainfall. In preparation, the state's agriculture department has arranged for an adequate supply of seeds and fertilizers for the 2025-26 kharif season. The government has set a target of cultivating 85.21 lakh hectares and producing 148.48 lakh tonnes of food grains. Around 4.63 lakh quintals of seeds and 5.99 lakh tonnes of fertilizers are being readied. However, a possible shortfall of DAP fertiliser

due to global price hikes may prompt a shift to complex fertilizers, with awareness campaigns planned to guide farmers.

To curb the sale of fake seeds and substandard inputs, a joint task force involving officials from the Central Plant Protection Organization and State Pollution Control Board has been mobilised.

Despite a dip in food grain output last year due to drought, the government is hopeful of a rebound. Cotton procurement is also being streamlined to eliminate middlemen. —BMB

Reckless driving is main cause of accidents, say officials

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senior traffic police official from the North Division.

Cab aggregator drivers are often the ones involved. "Many are extremely reckless. When caught, they refuse to take responsibility and instead blame others," the official added. Officials also pointed out that several drivers park illegally on the flyover rather than pay ₹10 to use the designated parking areas. "When we try to tow such vehicles, they threaten to escalate it on social media."

Other high-risk zones like Kannamangala Gate have seen similar tragedies. Two food delivery personnel died on the same day at the same location, prompting authorities to close the gate. Despite an underpass just a few metres away,

many commuters still demand the gate be reopened, choosing convenience over safety.

Meanwhile, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has proposed a dedicated flyover at Sadahalli Junction to ease congestion. However, officials are worried about how construction will proceed without blocking the main road, a critical corridor to the airport.

Police say they've repeatedly informed NHAI about infrastructure issues, including pending electricity bills and faulty wiring. "We've done our part by raising the concerns. The rest is NHAI's responsibility," the official said. Calls to increase the current 80 kmph speed limit are raised, but the officials believe it would make the situation worse.

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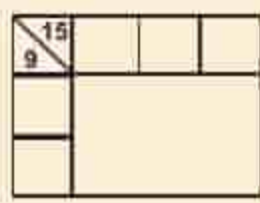
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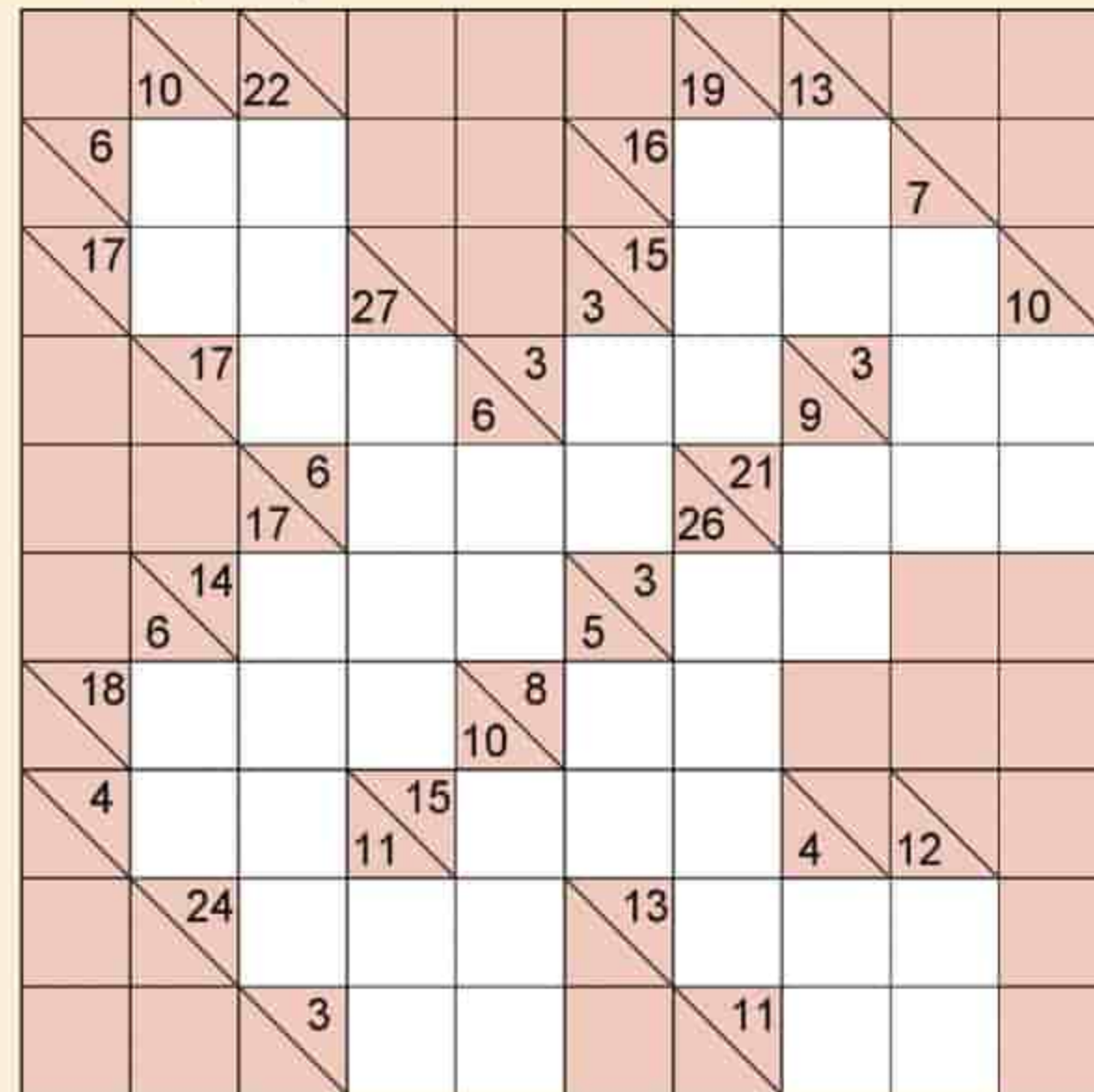
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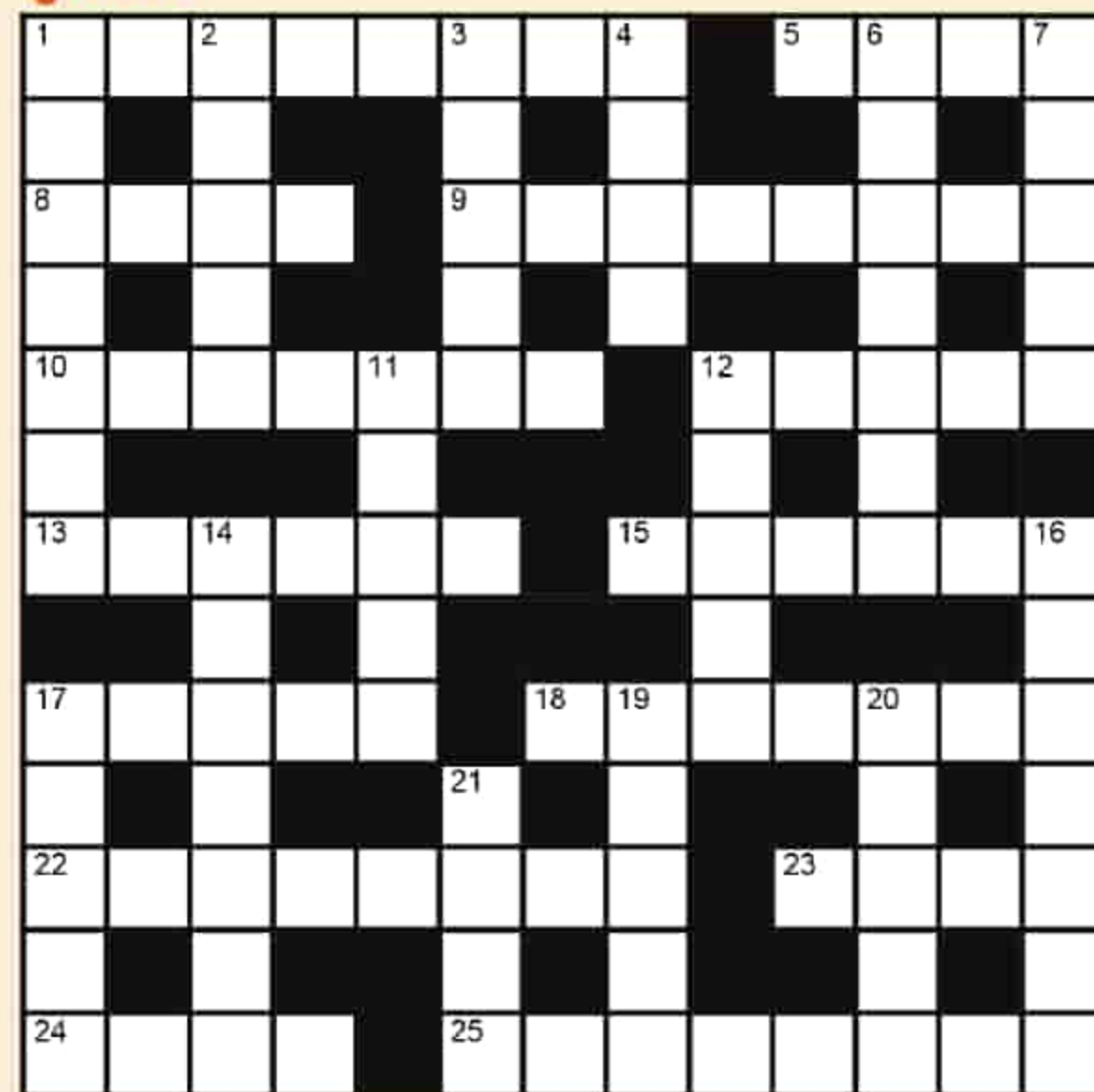


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 At work (2-3-3)
- 5 English exclamation (1,3)
- 8 Small branch (4)
- 9 Amorously inclined male (8)
- 10 Closest at hand (7)
- 12 A wash bowl (5)
- 13 Holy persons (6)
- 15 Inclined (6)
- 17 Support tower (5)
- 18 2019-20 FA Cup Champions (7)
- 22 Ask a taxi to stop so that you can board it? (4,1,3)
- 23 Short skirt (4)
- 24 Carnivorous mammal (4)
- 25 Turned traitor (8)

DOWN

- 1 Excursions (7)
- 2 Subarctic forest (5)
- 3 Knaves (5)
- 4 Party (4)
- 6 Exposes or humiliates? (5,2)
- 7 To long for (5)
- 11 Pop star ____ John (5)
- 12 Bengaluru ____ : Our Pro Kabaddi league side (5)
- 14 Enmity or rancour (3-4)
- 16 Dawdled (7)
- 17 Exclamation expressing contempt (5)
- 19 Refute (5)
- 20 Loud (5)
- 21 Protective crust over a wound (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS Y
H ODN XCS UC KSZJA QA MX
UFA AIAQHAD H FOYA QOZA.



Linemaro

I am attracted to you like the earth is attracted to the sun



Mindchow

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced



Joke of the day

Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside

Loop

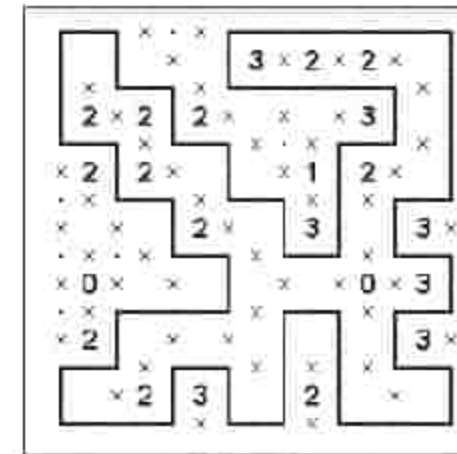
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

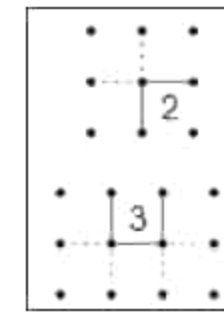
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

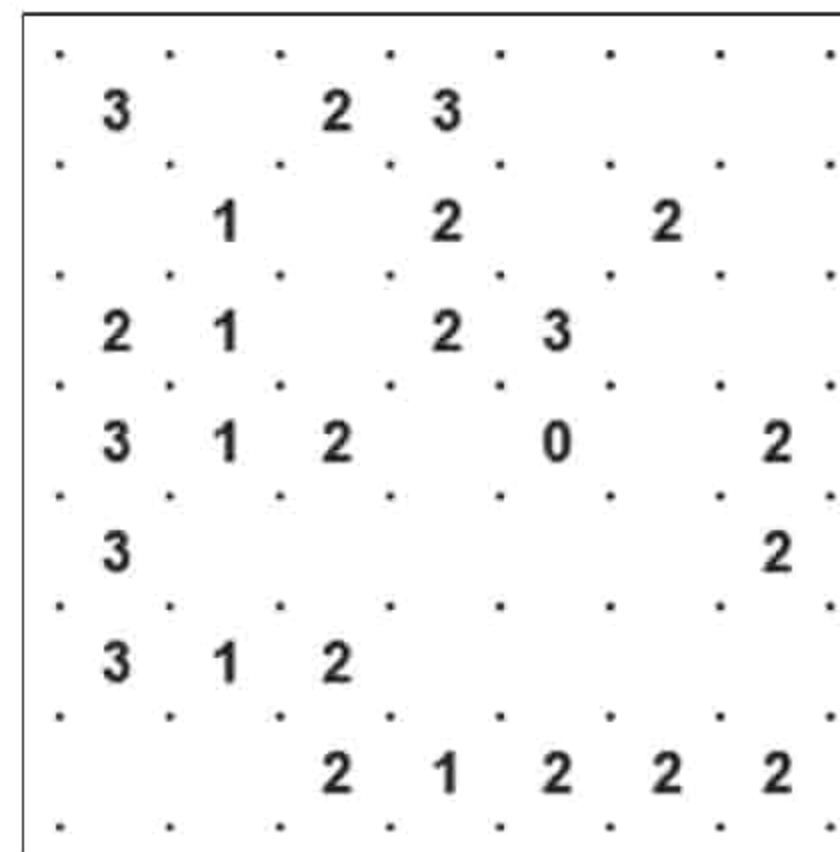
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



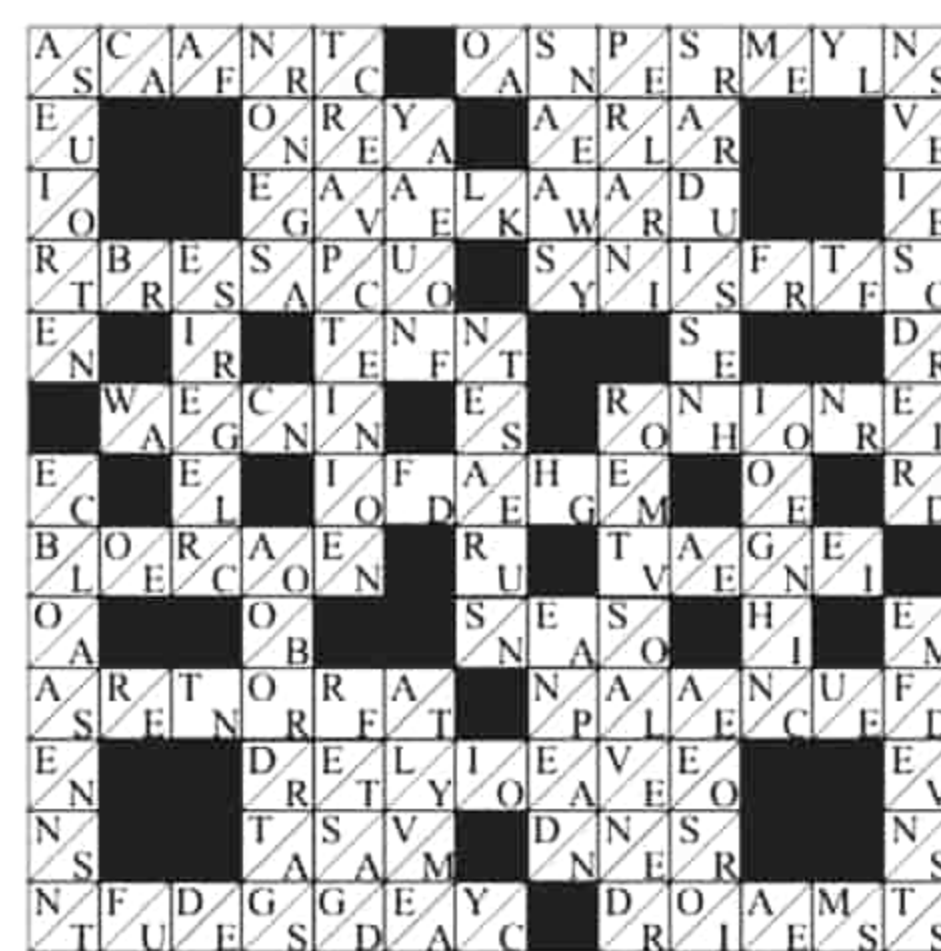
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



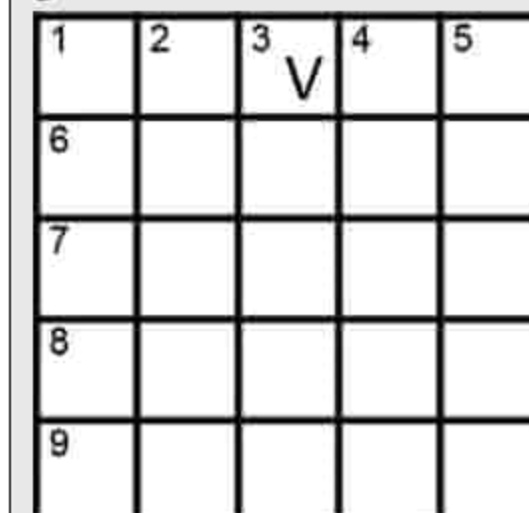
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? On your marks, get set...



ACROSS

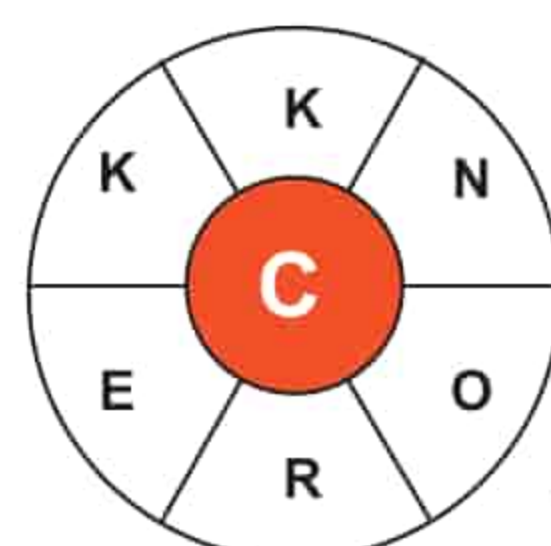
- 1 On lev; 6 I a Zed;
- 7 Grate; 8 Dante;
- 9 Duals

DOWN

- 1 At LAN; 2 A Zone;
- 3 IV rut; 4 Ed deg;
- 5 Lades

Mensapuzzle

What is missing from the last hexagon?

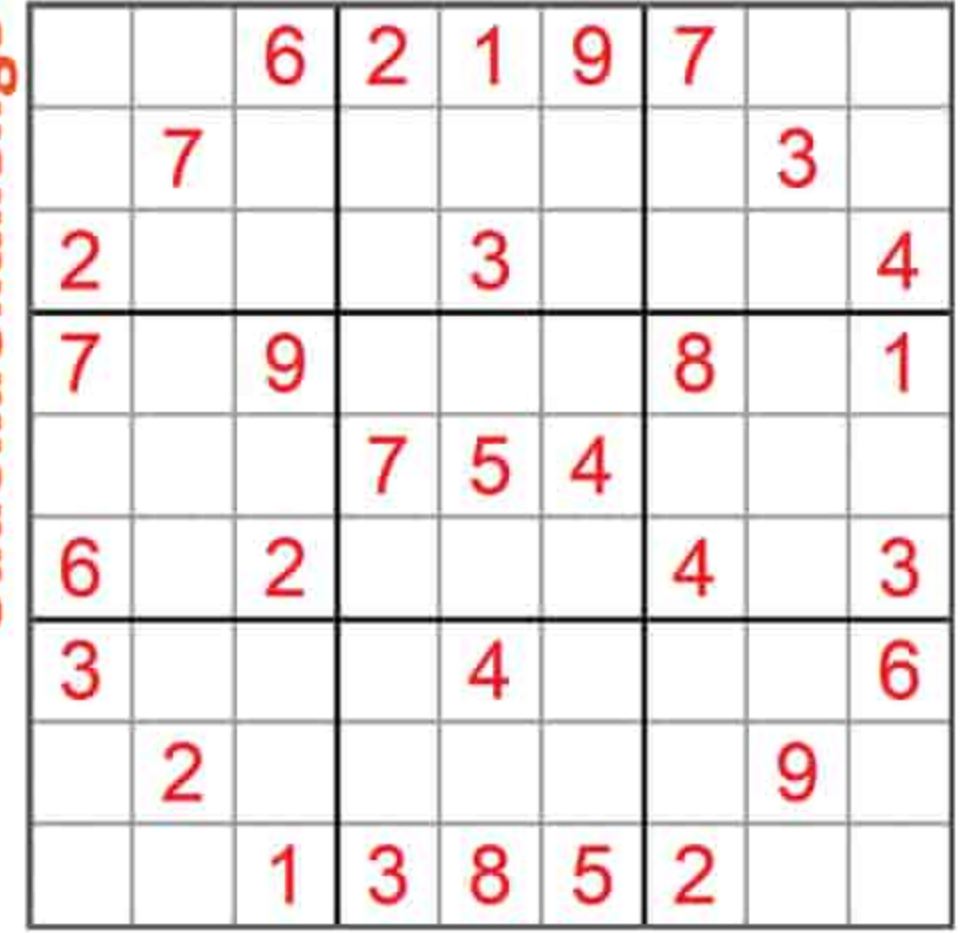


Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; 11 Good; 13 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Easy

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

2 3 3 4 = 6

Medium

2 2 2 2 = 4

Hard

4 8 9 6 = 58

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Scoop is missing; 2. Rock is smaller; 3. Stripe is added to sleeve; 4. Tree leaves are missing; 5. Leg is moved; 16. Window is different.

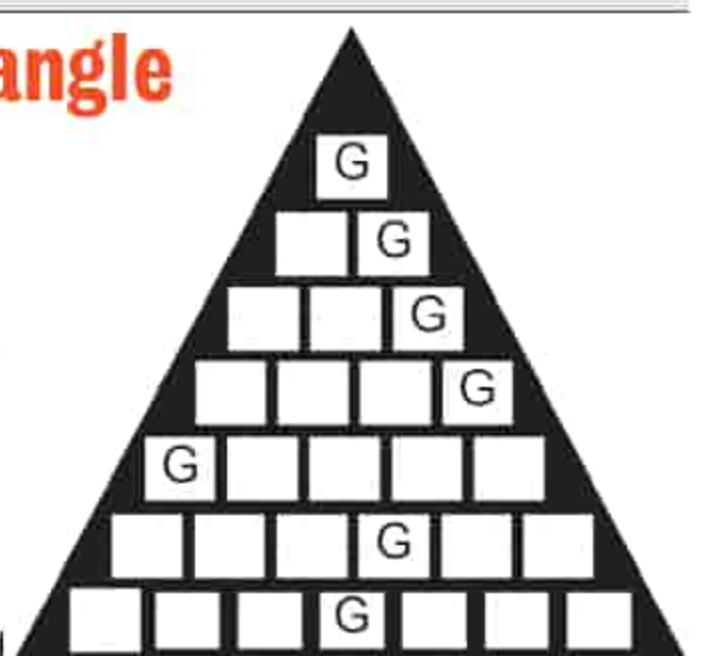
Riddler

Just a few minutes before takeoff, a flight attendant notices some interference. She then asks the passengers: "Who has their computer on?" Fifteen hands go up. "Who has their phone on?" Thirteen hands go up. "Who has both on?" Seven people raise their hands. "Who has neither a computer nor a phone on?" Nine people respond. How many passengers are there on the plane? (Not counting the flight crew)

Alpha triangle

- 1 Gravity, symbol
- 2 Silver symbol
- 3 Cloth fragment
- 4 Pull along
- 5 Imposing
- 6 Mythical monster
- 7 Coerce

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.



COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You may sense negative energy around you today, which could leave you feeling unhappy. It's best to avoid investing in worthless assets. Friends may not be as supportive as you'd like, so try not to expect too much. Trust your intuition before making any important decisions.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

You may feel off today, possibly due to poor sleep. This can affect your productivity. Avoid making investments at work for now. Be cautious of rivals and hidden enemies. Lovebirds should practice patience to steer clear of arguments.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

This may not be your best day. Negative thoughts and impatience could hinder your decision-making. Arrogance may cause setbacks. You may feel stuck, but blessings from elders can guide you back on track. Avoid investing in unproductive assets. Lovebirds should steer clear of meaningless debates.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you'll be able to implement your business plans successfully with the support of your subordinates. Social or family gatherings may help you expand your network. A short business trip could bring long-term benefits.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you're blessed by the Moon. Overseas contacts may help you secure a big order. While anxiety may creep in at times, you'll manage to stay composed. Students may dive deep into their studies. Long-term investments could prove fruitful for investors.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

The Moon's blessings may bring good news in your professional or business life. Domestic happiness is likely. Avoid arguments over trivial matters and keep your excitement in check. You may make wise investment decisions. Students should remain focused on their studies.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

This is a positive day for your finances. Past investments may yield good returns, and you'll gain better control over impulsive spending. This will help grow your savings. Lovebirds should communicate gently to avoid unnecessary conflicts.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

You might feel overwhelmed by work today. Completing tasks could be challenging, leading to frustration. However, with blessings from elders or mentors, you'll overcome these obstacles. Although you may not have time for family, your siblings will likely help maintain domestic harmony.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

It's a strong day for your career. You may perform well and even receive added responsibilities, possibly leading to a promotion. Rivals and opponents will be under control. You may consider investments for your children's future or for asset building.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

You may be occupied with matters involving siblings or relatives. Starting a new venture with their support could bring good results. You might receive a promising order that boosts your family business. Small efforts may lead to meaningful gains.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Things are finally stabilizing. Past issues may now be under control, and you'll feel more focused and at ease. Partnership disputes and property-related legal matters may get resolved. Enjoy some romantic moments with your loved one.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

You may feel low on energy, leading to laziness and carelessness. This could affect your focus at work. Health issues concerning your kids or spouse might worry you. Avoid investing in assets today. Lovebirds should avoid getting involved in family disputes.



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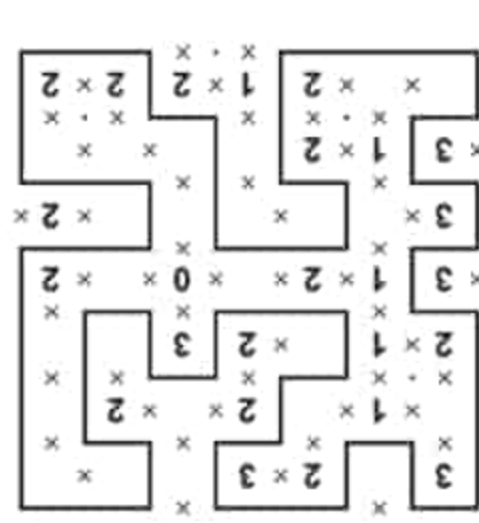
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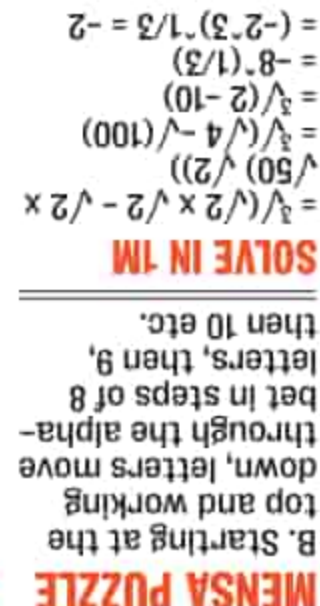
LOOP



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QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS EYE



QUOTE UNCODE

Friends on the sets

Priyanka Chopra had a heart-warming visitor on set as her best friend, Tamanna Dutt, along with her son, Thiaan, dropped by to spend some quality time with the actress.

Priyanka, who shares a deep bond with Tamanna, fondly referred to them as 'family' in her post. Taking to her Instagram Stories, the desi girl shared a photo where she is seen smiling as she poses with her BFF Tamanna and her son.

In the candid click, Priyanka looks effortlessly casual in a black t-shirt paired with comfy trousers and shoes. Alongside the images, the Baywatch actress wrote, "My smile says it all..When your family visits set," followed by a red heart emoji.

On April 29, despite her packed shooting schedule in Hyderabad, Priyanka managed to carve out some downtime over the weekend with her closest friend, Tamanna. The Dostana actress took a much-needed break to unwind and catch up with her longtime confidante. Giving fans a glimpse of their special moments together, Tamanna shared a heartfelt picture on Instagram with the caption, "Weekend well spent with my NRI. Will miss you babe."

Interestingly, Priyanka and Tamanna are very close friends, and the actress often

shares their photos on social media, celebrating their bond and the many moments they've spent together over the years.

Whether birthdays, vacations, or catch-ups, she never misses a chance to show love for her friend.

-IANS



Song and dance

Tamannaah's item number not reason for UA certificate, song fits in with story, say producers

Tamannaah Bhatia has been making waves for her song 'Nasha' after her song 'Aaj Ki Raat' from 'Stree 2' became a major hit. The song was a rage. While 'Nasha' could not exactly match up to the vibe which was created by 'Aaj Ki Raat', the song has still got decent popularity. This song of hers for 'Raid 2' might be considered a promotional tactic, however, the producers have now denied it and revealed that it has been beautifully stitched into the story. Meanwhile, 'Raid 2' starring Ajay Devgn, Riteish Deshmukh, Vaani Kapoor has got a UA certificate which means the film is suitable for unrestricted public exhibition, but with a parental guidance advisory for children under 12 years of age.

The producers have also clarified that this UA certificate is not because of Tamannaah's song. 'Raid 2' is produced by Bhushan Kumar, Kumar Mangat Pathak,

Abhishek Pathak.

In an interview with News18, Kumar clarified, "It's not because of the song. We had a few cuts the film, and committed to a few more—that's why the certification was supposed to change..."

Abhishek echoed his sentiments and said, "Nasha was conceived a little later. We wanted a certain character to uplift another character, and we wanted that to come into the film in a particular way. It has been stitched very beautifully into the film. If you see the film, you won't feel that it comes at an odd moment or was added later. It has been blended very well into the narrative." -ETimes



Mizo touch to Bebo's style

Kareena Kapoor Khan, who never fails to impress fans with her fashion choices, turned heads at a recent Bvlgari event in a striking outfit designed by Hannah Kiangte and styled by Rhea Kapoor.

The custom-made dress took inspiration from the Mizo puan, a traditional handwoven textile from Mizoram.

Bebo looked gorgeous in a

stunning off-shoulder fit, corset details, and fine fringes. The dress featured sharp cuts and stylish touches. The outfit was bold, elegant, and celebrated the rich culture of the Northeast.

Designer

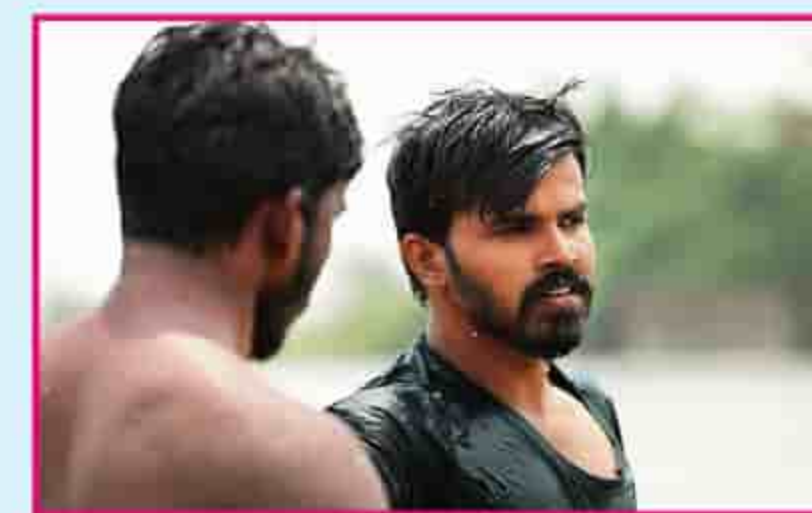


Hannah Kiangte, who hails from Aizawl in Mizoram, started her label in 2013. Since then, she has focused on supporting local Mizo women weavers through her work. On the work front, Kareena will be seen sharing screen space with Prithviraj Sukumaran in Meghna Gulzar's Daayra. -IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

All newcomers



The team of the film Time Pass unveiled the first look poster of the movie on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya. Chetan Jodidar debuts as an independent director in Sandalwood with this movie. The shooting of the movie was wrapped up recently and the post-production works are in progress.

Jodidar does not have any training in direction at a film institute nor has he worked as an assistant or associate director for any director. It is said that he has learnt the basics of direction while watching movies and through YouTube. According to the team, the movie is based on real incidents, and it is bankrolled by Gundur Shekar, Kiran Kumar Shetty, and MH Krishnamurthy under the Shree Chetana Services banner. It is said that Time Pass, which belongs to the dark humour genre, revolves around seven people who are passionate about movies. The specialty of the movie is recording the songs live on the shooting location. It has two action sequences.

Most of the star cast are newcomers including Imran Paha, Vaisiri K Goda, Rathsa Ram, Om Sri Y, Prabhakar Rao, Naveen Kumar, Sampath Kumar, and Ashwini Srinivas.

Twice the fun



Dr Muthuraj MS and Srikanta BA are known for Hasya Lasya, the comedy serial that used to be aired on Udaya TV for a long time. Now, they have joined hands to make the film Preethi Prema Panganaama that is ready for release shortly. The movie's team unveiled the teaser and songs of the movie at SRV Theatre recently.

Dr Muthuraj, a hairdresser in real life, plays a similar character in the movie. "Our serial Hasya Lasya was very famous. Srikanta and I have been friends for more than three decades. Our friendship made me bankroll this movie," said Dr Muthuraj.

Srikanta said there was a value for love and affection, but marriages are being broken within a few months. "The film represents poor parents who struggle to provide education to their children," the director said. He said Srikanth Kumar Tumkur is associate director and lyrics write. "I am very happy with his dedication, commitment, and hard work," he said.

Here's how Margot Robbie inspired Ncuti Gatwa

Actor Ncuti Gatwa, known for his performances in "Sex Education" and "The Last Letter from Your Lover" worked with Hollywood star Margot Robbie on 'Barbie', and he thought he would do something the actress did on the comedy fantasy film set while shooting 'Doctor Who'.

Gatwa, who plays the show's fifteenth incarnation of the Time



Lord, told The Big Issue magazine: "I came on to 'Doctor Who' after working on 'Barbie' and getting to see just how incredible Margot Robbie is, and how she takes the huge

responsibility in her stride."

"So something I took from Margot on 'Doctor Who' was to get the crew good food vans. Once a month, bring in a pizza van or an ice cream van. Feed everyone! That's the lesson I learned from Margot."

The 32-year-old star has just wrapped his big supporting role in 'The Roses' opposite Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch, and he loved the 51-year-old actress' "lack of ego and self-importance," reports femalefirst.co.uk.

He added: "And Olivia Colman

was absolutely incredible. Such a lack of ego and self-importance."

The 'Masters of the Air' actor felt "revived" after he returned to London's National Theatre in 'The Importance of Being Earnest' at the end of last year and into January in what was his first theatre role since 2018.

He said: "It was so invigorating. I was really craving doing theatre. I had been for a couple of years. It was so nice to have to work in that process again - five weeks of rehearsal, spending time with the script and the director and crafting the play.."

-IANS